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Dear Ms. Hesse,

As a member of the North Carolina General Assembly, I have always sought to make government a cooperative partner of business and industry. After all, business and industry creates jobs that enhance the lives of countless North Carolinians.

For several years, I have witnessed the federal government's pursuit of a lawsuit against Microsoft, one of the most successful companies in the history of American business. This suit has cost the taxpayers upwards of \$30 million over the past years.

I request that Judge Kollar Kotelly approve the settlement that the Department of Justice and Microsoft have both agreed upon. In addition, I am pleased to say that my state, North Carolina, has also signed the agreement and decided to settle.

In spite of the fact that nine state attorneys general plan to prolong their cases against Microsoft, I believe the federal case should be settled.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Barnhart  
State Representative

